UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Reathie Mack,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

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1:24-cv-08022 (ER) (SDA)

**ORDER** 

## STEWART D. AARON, United States Magistrate Judge:

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73, a United States Magistrate Judge is available to conduct all proceedings in this case, including but not limited to any decisions on motions, and/or the entry of a final judgment. An appeal from a judgment entered by a Magistrate Judge, if any, is taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals in the same manner as an appeal from any other judgment of this district court.

Exercise of jurisdiction by a Magistrate Judge is permitted only if all parties voluntarily consent. To determine whether the parties wish to voluntarily consent, plaintiff's attorney is directed to transmit to defendant's attorney on or before Monday, January 6, 2025, a copy of a consent form<sup>1</sup> bearing either (1) a signature indicating consent to the Magistrate Judge conducting all proceedings in this matter or (2) a notation that the plaintiff does not consent.

On or before January 13, 2025, defense counsel is directed to contact the Deputy Clerk Katherine Lopez by email at Aaron\_NYSDchambers@nysd.uscourts.gov. Defendant's counsel shall inform the Deputy Clerk whether all parties have consented to the Magistrate Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The form can be found at <a href="https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/AO-3.pdf">https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/AO-3.pdf</a>.

conducting the proceedings in this matter. If any party has not consented, counsel for the

defendant shall <u>not</u> inform the clerk which of the parties have not consented but shall merely

state that there has not been consent by all parties.

This Order is not intended to interfere with the parties' right to have dispositive

proceedings before a United States District Judge. The parties are free to withhold their consent

without adverse substantive consequences, although this will prevent the Court's jurisdiction

from being exercised by a United States Magistrate Judge. If any party withholds consent, the

identity of the parties consenting or withholding consent shall not be communicated to any

Magistrate Judge or District Judge to whom the case has been assigned.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York

December 23, 2024

STEWART D. AARON

United States Magistrate Judge

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